

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed November 4, 2004 has been carefully reviewed. Reconsideration of this application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested. The claims presented for examination are: claims 1-3 and 8-12. The Office Action mailed November 4, 2004 is a Final Rejection.

In numbered paragraph 4 of the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, claims 1-3 and 8-11 were allowed.

In numbered paragraph 3 of the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable. Applicants have cancelled claim 12.

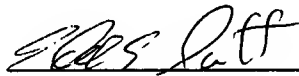
37 CFR 1.116 provides "After final action or other final action, amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous office action." This amendment strictly cancels claim 12. The other claims, claims 1-3 and 8-11, were allowed.

All the requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004 have been fully addressed and met. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

The undersigned respectfully submits that, in view of the foregoing amendments and the foregoing remarks, the issues raised in the Office Action dated November 4, 2004 have been fully addressed and overcome. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, that the claims be allowed, and that this case be passed to issue. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (925) 424-6897.

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